

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A surface treating agent for ligneous floorings comprising a plant drying oil, Japan wax, candelilla wax, and powdery carnauba wax.

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2. The surface treating agent for ligneous floorings according to claim 1, wherein the plant drying oil is selected from linseed oil, tung oil, sesame oil, sunflower oil, hemp oil, and perilla oil.

10 3. The surface treating agent for ligneous floorings according to claim 2, wherein containing 75 to 90 % by weight of plant drying oil, 10 to 15 % by weight of Japan wax, 1 to 5 % by weight of candelilla wax, and 1 to 5 % by weight of powdery carnauba wax.

15 4. The surface treating agent for ligneous floorings according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the powdery carnauba wax has an average particle size of about 300 µm or less.

20 5. A process for manufacturing a surface treating agent for ligneous floorings, comprising the steps of:
melting Japan wax and candelilla wax by heating to allow them to be mixed;
adding slowly a drying oil to said wax mixture which is under stirring,
wherein the amount of the drying oil corresponds to about a half amount of a predetermined amount;

25 adding the remaining amount of the drying oil while continuing stirring,
followed by reducing the product temperature to not more than a temperature of 80 to 86 °C which is the melting point of carnauba wax;
adding slowly powdery carnauba wax to form a uniform dispersion at the time when the product temperature reaches about 60 °C with continuing stirring;

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dispensing the dispersion into packaging containers at the time when the product temperature reaches 55 °C or less with further continuing stirring.